



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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**Re: A Study of Social Security Litigation in the Federal Courts
Final Report July 28, 2016**

Dear Professor Levin,

I am writing to provide comment on the proposed recommendations that the Administrative Conference of the United States is considering regarding social security litigation in the district courts.

After viewing the report, I encourage the Committee to review Suggestion 5. I recommend that the suggestion include a requirement that the Social Security Administration provide the complete remand order of the district court to the administrative law judge and the decision writer prior to their review and submission of their amended decision.

It is vital that the administrative law judge and the decision writer have the full opinion, and not a synopsis, in order to ensure that the parties receive a fair determination and avoid additional remands in case the directives in the order are not followed.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on this important report. Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rubén Castillo".

Rubén Castillo
Chief Judge

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